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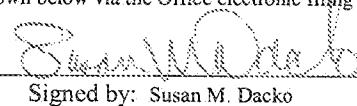
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Signed by: Susan M. Dacko

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2008. Claims 1-30 are pending.
Claims 1-30 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- Species 1: Figures 6-9
- Species 2: Figures 10-12
- Species 3: Figures 15-17
- Species 4: Figures 19-22
- Species 5: Figures 23 and 24
- Species 6: Figures 25 and 26
- Species 7: Figures 27 and 28
- Species 8: Figures 29 and 30
- Species 9: Figures 31 and 32

In response, Applicants elect Group 6, with traverse. Claims 1, 4-9, 10-14, 18-26 and 27-30 are readable on the elected species. It is respectfully submitted that at least claims 1, 10 and 27-30 are generic of the Species 1-9. Thus, Applicants should be required to elect a single disclosed species only if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.